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BROADCASTING CONTROL SYSTEM
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, and within three (3) months of the mailing date of the foreign search report.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Any documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding Japanese application. Item of information A1 is a U.S. patent that is a counterpart to item of information A7. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP§609). Cited Literature 2 was previously submitted to the PTO in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 3, 2004.

A translation of a portion of a Japanese Office Action that issued October 21, 2004 with respect to a counterpart Japanese patent application is provided below.

"Regarding Reasons 2 and 3

(List of Cited Literature

Cited Literature 1: Jerry Boetje and David Collier, A Common Information Structure for Broadcast Applications, SMPTE Journal, USA, Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers, October 1997, p. 682–697

Cited Literature 2: Rina Hayasaka, Masahiro Tabuchi: Schedule Management System that Supports Real-Time Program Conversion in Digital Data Broadcasting, Information Processing Society of Japan Symposium Proceedings, Japan, Information Processing Society of Japan, June 28, 2000, Vol. 2000, No. 7, p. 571–576.

Comparison and decision

Described in Cited Literature 1 is the fact that time data and composite media files to be broadcast can be displayed using objects; and objects for which the transmission time cannot be determined can be transmitted by treating the relative time as the time (for example, refer to Appendix A, p. 694–696, etc.).

Disclosed in Cited Literature 2 is a broadcast system that, except for the “relational time object,” utilizes the “range designation time object” and the “offset designation time object” described in the Detailed Description of the Invention in the Description of the present application.

As indicated in 1. above, the citation of the Claims in the Specification of the present application is not supported by the citation of the Detailed Description of the Invention, and therefore, we cannot recognize priority in Japan to Japanese Patent Application 2000-123449, which is related to the present patent application.

Consequently, we find that, whether or not the inventions related to Claims 1 through 69 are the same as those of the aforementioned Cited Literature 1 or Cited Literature 2, if they do differ, the difference is not great.

Prior Art Literature

Published Japanese Translation of a PCT Application 2003-524307 (time object)

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-115746 (object)

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-115095 (object)

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H04-364682 (on-time transmission)

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-275180 (on-time transmission)

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H09-18786 (special number data transmission)

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H07-250036 (on-time transmission)

This Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results does not constitute a reason for rejection.”

Applicant's statements regarding the Japanese Office Action are based on a partial translation that Applicant's representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicant with, or an admission of, what is asserted in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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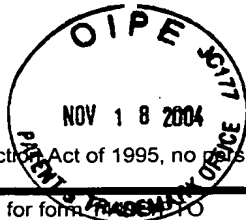
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